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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING BRIDGES BETWEEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before July 1, 2013,
2 the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Board of
3 Regents for Higher Education and the Board of Trustees of The
4 University of Connecticut, shall develop a pilot program to incorporate
5 Connecticut's common core state standards into the curricula of the
6 priority school districts, as described in section 10-266p of the general
7 statutes, and, for the school year commencing July 1, 2013, through the
8 school year ending June 30, 2018, align such curriculums with college
9 level programs offered by the constituent units of the state system of
10 higher education.

11 (b) The pilot program shall require the local or regional board of
12 education for a school district identified as a priority school district to
13 partner with (1) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical
14 Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college, (2) the
15 Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf
16 of a state university, or (3) the Board of Trustees for The University of

17 Connecticut on behalf of the university to evaluate and align curricula,
18 test students in grade eleven and use the results of such tests to assess
19 college readiness. Such local or regional board of education shall
20 annually report such test results and assessments to the Department of
21 Education, the Board of Regents for Higher Education and The
22 University of Connecticut.

23 (c) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall provide a grant
24 of twenty thousand dollars to a regional community-technical college,
25 state university and The University of Connecticut for participation in
26 the pilot program described in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To improve college preparedness by aligning high school and college curricula by establishing a pilot program that requires each priority school district to partner with a public institution of higher education to evaluate and align curricula based on Connecticut's common core state standards and to test students and assess the results to determine college readiness.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]